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Subject: | Serial No. 10/772,938 02/05/04 |  
          | Chii-Ming Wu et al. |  
          | METHOD OF FORMING METAL SILICIDE |

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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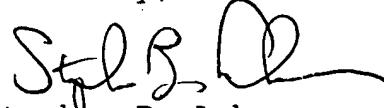
U.S. Patent 6,468,901 to Maa et al., "Nickel Silicide Including Iridium for Use in Ultra-Shallow Junctions with High Thermal Stability and Method of Manufacturing the Same," discloses an integrated circuit device, and a method of manufacturing the same, including nickel silicide on a silicon substrate fabricated with an iridium interlayer.

U.S. Patent 6,346,477 to Kaloyerous et al., "Method of Interlayer Mediated Epitaxy of Cobalt Silicide from Low Temperature Chemical Vapor Deposition of Cobalt," discusses a process for the preparation of cobalt disilicide films.

U.S. Patent 6,511,867 to Lowrey et al., "Utilizing Atomic Layer Deposition for Programmable Device," discloses an apparatus that sets and reprograms the state of programmable devices.

U.S. Patent 6,423,619 to Grant et al., "Transistor Metal Gate Structure that Minimizes Non-Planarity Effects and Method of Formation," discloses a metal gate structure formed by depositing a gate dielectric, a gate electrode, a stop layer, and a metal layer within a gate trench and removing the portions of the layers that lie outside the gate trench.

Sincerely,

  
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